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LETTER

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants call to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office a Search Report issued abroad in reference to a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report dated May 25, 1999 is attached.

The enclosed document is being called to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office solely to comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and is not intended to be construed as an admission by the Applicants that any of the documents listed is material.

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